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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y REF 4637 VICE 4673

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EFIN, AF  
SUBJECT: THE MONEY BAZAAR

REF: A. KABUL 4637 B. STATE 145389

1. ONE OF THE FREE MARKET MONEY BAZAAR DEALERS ARRESTED  
(REFTEL A) HAS NOW BEEN RELEASED AND THE RELEASE OF  
SEVERAL OTHERS IS EXPECTED SHORTLY. HOWEVER, INTERRO-  
GATION OF DEALERS (BOTH IN AND OUT OF JAIL) MAY WELL  
CONTINUE.

2. AN EMBASSY LOCAL HAS TALKED TO THE MONEY BAZAAR  
DEALER WHO WAS RELEASED. ACCORDING TO THE DEALER, THE  
REASON FOR THE ARRESTS WAS THE DESIRE OF THE AFGHAN  
GOVERNMENT TO LOCATE AN INDIAN BUSINESSMAN NAMED MOHAND  
LAL. IN SEARCHING MOHAMMAD NAIM'S HOUSE (DAOUD'S BROTHER)  
AFTER THE COUP, PAPERS WERE FOUND LINKING NAIM TO LAL.  
EVIDENTLY, THE GOVERNMENT, UNABLE TO IDENTIFY LAL, PICKED  
UP MOST OF THE HINDU BAZAAR DEALERS IN AN EFFORT TO FIND  
HIM. WE UNDERSTAND THAT LAL LEFT AFGHANISTAN SEVERAL  
DAYS BEFORE THE ARRESTS. FYI. ONE OF THE DEALERS ARRESTED  
WAS AN INDIAN NATIONAL, WHO HAS NOT YET BEEN RELEASED  
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DESPITE A PROTEST LAST WEDNESDAY BY THE INDIAN AMBASSADOR IN  
KABUL. END FYI.

3. THE DEALER SAID THAT THE QUESTION ASKED HIM BY  
THE POLICE INDICATED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WANTED TO  
GATHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE FINANCIAL DEALINGS OF  
MEMBERS OF DAOUD'S GOVERNMENT. INTER ALIA, THE INTER-

ROGATORS MADE SEVERAL INTERESTING COMMENTS. THEY SAID THAT, FOLLOWING THE COUP, \$800,000 IN CASH HAD BEEN FOUND IN THE HOME OF FORMER INTERIOR MINISTER ABDUL QADIR NURISTANI AND \$500,000 WAS FOUND IN THE HOME OF FORMER DEFENSE MINISTER GENERAL GHULAM HAIDER RASULI. THE INTERROGATORS ALSO SAID THEY HAD EVIDENCE THAT NAIM, AND POSSIBLY DAOUD, WERE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING.

5. WITH REGARD TO REFERENCE B, WE SUGGEST THAT SUBSTANCE OF THIS AND REFTTEL A BE PASSED TO HECK OF WELLS FARGO BANK. ALSO SUGGEST THAT, DUE TO THE PRECARIOUS POSITION OF THE MONEY BAZAAR DEALERS, WELLS FARGO MEET ITS CLIENT'S DESIRES TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE. MAIL ENTERING AND LEAVING THE COUNTRY IS BEING OPENED.

6. COMMENT: LOCAL NEWSPAPERS HAVE MADE REFERENCE TO THE "TREASURE" STOLEN BY THE DAOUD GOVERNMENT. THE INQUISITION OF THE MONEY BAZAAR DEALERS APPEARS TO BE AN EFFORT TO LOCATE THAT "TREASURE."  
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